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State of Connecticut General Assembly Committee on Environment

RE: Raised Bill No. 6438 AN ACT RESTRICTING THE USE OF METHOPRENE AND RESMETHRIN

Dear General Assembly:

The Southern New England Fishermen's & Lobstermen's Association strongly supports this bill proposing prohibition on the use or application of methoprene or resmethrin in any storm drain or conveyance for water within the coastal boundary as these pesticides have been discovered in the lobsters of Long Island Sound.

The Association does not support the introduction of methoprene and resmethrin into a storm drain, wetland or other body of water where mosquito larvae are found or suspected if such introduction is recommended by the mosquito management coordinator at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to prevent an increasing threat of mosquito-borne disease. We would like to suggest the possible creation of an Advisory Committee to address this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Grimshaw, President

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Lobstermen's Association

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